

**CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST  
FOREST PLAN AMENDMENTS  
SUMMARY**

**Table 1. Approved Forest Plan Amendments.**

<b>Amendment Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
1	Includes "Uniform Format for Oil and Gas Lease Stipulations" in the Forest Plan	03/29/1991
2	Adds Wild/Scenic/Recreational River Forest-wide Management Standards to the Forest Plan	12/15/1989
3	Corrects table on page 49 that identifies key wildlife habitat by Ranger District and species of concern	03/29/1991
5	Eliminates oil and gas production as a monitoring item	03/29/1991
6	Changes the wording that allows camping in the administrative site at Meyers Creek Station on the Beartooth District	03/29/1991
7	Changes the budget as displayed on page 163	03/29/1991
8	Includes management standards and guides in response to the passage of the Federal Cave Resource Protection Act of 1988	03/29/1991
9	Makes Dutchman's Barn, Long X Divide, Twin Buttes, and Blue Buttes not administratively available for oil and gas leasing	10/24/1991
10	Changes the visual classification from partial retention to retention for certain areas surrounding Theodore Roosevelt National Park	10/24/1991
11	Includes the Ferruginous Hawk as a sensitive species in North Dakota	10/24/1991
12	Changes the dates for protection of prairie grouse dancing grounds from 3/1-4/15 annually to 3/1-4/30 annually	10/24/1991
13	Management standards changed for Woody Draws (Mgt Area N) to require a "No Surface Occupancy" (NSO) stipulations	10/24/1991
14	Removes 459 acres from the suitable timber base on the Sioux Ranger District	05/21/1993
16	Adds definitions of "Existing Visual Condition" to the Forest Plan	05/21/1993
17	Adds the name of Whitetail Area to the list of Management Area Cs	05/21/1993
18	Revises table on pages 77 and 78 of the Forest Plan to reflect the current status of RNAs and SIAs	05/21/1993
19	Changes the Oil and Gas Administratively Available decision for portions of the Beartooth District	05/23/1996
20	Updates the key species/critical timing periods found on page 19 of the Forest Plan	05/23/1996

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21	Removes the area-wide NSO requirement for MA C Line Creek and replaces it with the stipulations identified in Alternative 4A of the Beartooth Mountain Oil and Gas Leasing FEIS and related Record of Decision	05/23/1996
23	Corrects the list of Ranger Districts at the top of page 80 of the Forest Plan showing where MA M occurs	06/1993
26	Incorporates a list of Recreation Residence Tracts into the Forest Plan	Correction 01/94
27	Adds a list of plants, animals and fish that are sensitive in Montana.	06/1993
28	Changes the status, acreage and wording of Forest Plan Amendment Number 18 for Lost Water Canyon.	07/20/1994
29	Modifies/adds stipulations to be applied to new oil and gas leases as identified in Amendment Number 1.	04/27/1996
30	Changes the dates and disturbance zones shown for key species on pages 19 and 172, as amended by Amendment Number 12.	04/27/1996
31	Adds the name of Round Top Butte to the table on pages 77 and 78, as replaced by Amendment Number 18.	04/27/1996
32	Includes the Ashland Ranger District on the list of areas where Management Area N occurs.	03/09/1996
33	Re-classifies 170 acres (in portions of seven stands) on the Ashland Ranger District from unsuitable to suitable for timber production.	05/17/1996
34	Changes status of Line Creek Plateau Research Natural Area from "Candidate RNA" to "Established RNA." Acreage is changed from undetermined to 19,369 acres.	6/29/2000

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35	Re-classifies 109 acres (in portions of seven stands) on the Ashland Ranger District from unsuitable to suitable for timber production.	6/19/1998
36	Permits the continued use of 16 acres within Management Area H for the Timberline Snow Survey Course on the Beartooth Ranger District.	10/3/2000
38	Allows for a one time site-specific prescribed burn in Reva Gap Campground that is located in Management area O. Will remove accumulated grass and small diameter fuels.	3/12/2001
39	2001 Off-Highway Vehicle Travel on NFS lands in Montana, North Dakota, and parts of South Dakota (aka the Tri-State OHV decision).	2001
40	Sioux Ranger District Oil and Gas Leasing Amendments.	3/15/2007
41	Forest Plan Amendments for Northern Rockies Lynx Management Direction.	3/23/2007
42	Forest Plan Amendments for Grizzly Bear Conservation for the Greater Yellowstone Area National Forests	
43	Beartooth Front Storm Damage Project - site specific project amendment adjusting VQOs until project area recovers from project activities.	7/29/2009
44	Allocation of Acquired Lands in the Sage Creek Area to Forest Plan Management Areas B and M.	10/17/2011

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**Table 2. Withdrawn forest plan amendments**

<b>Proposed Amendment Number</b>	<b>Description/Comments</b>
4	Not implemented 4/5/91. The Forest did not have a Forest Biologist at the time to do the necessary consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to finalize the amendment.
15	Allowed a site-specific exception to create openings in excess of 40 acres to facilitate development of fuel breaks on the Sioux Ranger District. Withdrawn 7/28/93.
22	Identified specific communication sites in response to changing requirements. Withdrawn pending further analysis.
24	Applied the Wild/Scenic/Recreation River Forest-Wide Management Standards that were developed in Forest Plan Amendment Number 2 to the Little Missouri River, Rock Creek, the West Fork of Rock Creek and the Stillwater River. Withdrawn in 1994. Covered under Forest Plan Amendment Number 2.
25	Added timing restrictions and dates for the protection of the ferruginous hawk. Withdrawn in 1994. Incorporated into Forest Plan Amendment Number 20.
37	Proposed to reclassify 7,963 acres of lands designated as tentatively suitable for timber production to unsuitable. Appeal of proposed amendment was affirmed by Deputy Regional Forester and that part of the decision reversed. The selected alternative, Alternative 4, was allowed to proceed but without the Forest Plan Amendment. Appeal Decision letter 3/13/2001.

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**Table 3. Approved Adjustments and Exceptions.**

<b>Adjustment Number</b>	<b>Description/Comments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
001	A minor adjustment to the J Management Area boundary in Section 34, T147N and R100W	11/30/1993
002	Forest Plan Adjustment to Management Area Boundaries in Section 34, T147N, R100 and Section 3 and 4, T146N, R100, North Dakota, McKenzie Ranger District.	3/24/1995
<b>Exception Number</b>	<b>Description/Comments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
001	Allowed mineral material entry within Management Area T to rehabilitate in old rock pit and develop trailhead for the Line Creek Plateau Trail.	7/23/1993
002	A site-specific exception to Forest Plan Management Area C standard 5.b(3), which limits activity and/or facility development within 100 feet of prairie dog towns.	7/27/1993